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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have understood the question of the hon. Member all right. Even if that is so—I cannot say it is so—the hon. Member need not very much worry about it.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : Can Government make any profit out of this as commercial agents do?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the Government of India are subsidizing this transaction.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture has appealed to the people down south to take to mixed diet, i.e., wheat and rice. May I know how far this appeal has been successful in Governmental and Ministerial quarters?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government do not run canteens. It is left to the taste of individual Ministers to have mixed diet or not. But they are not averse to taking wheat.

State Tourist Advisory Committee

* 53 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to constitute a State Tourist Advisory Committee; and

(*b*) if so, the rules framed or proposed to be framed for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration and the question of framing rules has not been taken up.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Have not model rules for the constitution of State Tourist Advisory Committees been remitted to us by the Central Ministry of Transport and Tourism? Will Government take action on the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is only in June 1957, at the Simla Conference, that it was decided that we should constitute committees at State level and we are taking action.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it not a fact that the Central Tourist Committee has branches throughout the States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is a Regional Tourist Advisory Committee at Madras. In addition to that, in order to co-ordinate the activities of the various centres in the State, they want a State Advisory Committee.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : When will it be possible to constitute these committees at the State level?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I shall try to have the Committee constituted as early as possible.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Will non-officials be on the Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Committee has not yet been constituted. I am sure non-officials will predominate.

Shelters for Bus Passengers

* 54 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for the construction of shelters for the convenience of bus passengers along the National and State Highways and main trunk roads in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether any fund out of the motor transport revenue is earmarked for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Has not the Central Transport Advisory Council considered this matter and sent some recommendations to the State Government for a survey of the present position and provision of such facilities to passengers?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have no information.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government kindly have the matter examined and provide some funds for provision of amenities to motor passengers on the highways?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : This has been examined and the Government of Madras have sanctioned about Rs. 30,000 to the Madras Corporation to augment its resources in order to put up such waiting sheds in the Madras City. As far as the mofussil is concerned, we feel it is not possible to provide these sheds.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the present shelters are so narrow that they do not give protection either from sun or from rain except during midday when the sun's rays fall straight, will they have these remodelled so that they may be shelters in the real sense?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : These shelters in the Madras City are maintained by the Madras Corporation. I shall pass on the suggestion of the hon. Member to the proper quarters.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.